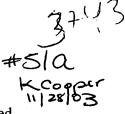


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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 27, 2003, applicant hereby elects Species 1 for continued prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicant further requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

Amend the title of the application to read: -METHOD FOR CLOSING OFF LOWER

PORTION OF HEART VENTRICLE--.